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For: METHOD FOR ASSESSING CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 9, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated March 10, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-12, drawn to a method of identifying a condition in an individual;

Group II, claims 12-13, drawn to a method of treating an individual against the risk of cardiovascular disease;

Group III, claims 13 and 24, drawn to a method of treating an individual employing gene therapy; and

Group IV, claims 25-38, drawn to a kit for identifying a condition in an individual.

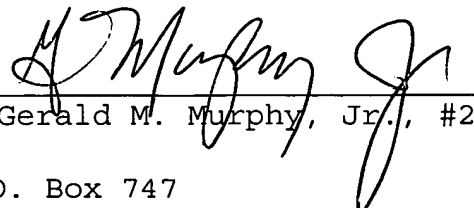
For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group II, claims 13-23. The various claim methods and kits involve related technical features. Searching all of the groups, or at least more than one group, would not involve an undue burden on the Examiner.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,977) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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